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VIENNA FOR USDEL TO CONFERENCE ON STATES/IO RELATIONS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ICRC PARM VS VN PFOR

SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE

REF: GENEVA 0691

1. CHALLENGE TO PRESIDENT'S RULING THAT TWO-THIRDS REQUIRED TO REOPEN DISCUSSION OF ALGERIAN RULING FAILED MORNING OF FEBURARY 5 BY VOTE OF 43 FOR CHALLENGE, 48 AGAINST CHALLENGE, WITH 19 ABSTAINING AND 28 ABSENT.

2. SWITCHES FROM VOTE REPORTED REFTEL ARE:

(A) FROM ABSTAIN TO OPPOSING CHALLENGE--

ARGENTINA, IVORY COAST, DENMARK, UPPER VOLTA, HOLY SEE, SWITZERLAND.

(B) FROM FAVORING RULE 35(4) TO ABSTAIN ON THE CHALLENGE--

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NIGERIA, MOROCCO.

(C) FROM ABSENT TO FAVORING CHALLENGE--

DAHOMY, SENEGAL, NIGER.

(D) FROM ABSTAIN TO FAVORING CHALLENGE--

VENEZUELA.

(E) FROM ABSENT TO OPPOSING CHALLENGE--HAITI

FULL VOTE BREAKDOWN WILL FOLLOW.

3. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT PRG PROPONENTS WILL
PRESS FOR VOTE UNDER RULE 32 (TWO-THIRDS) TO PERMIT
OPENING DISCUSSION ON ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. RESOLUTION
WILL PRESUMABLY BE WITHDRAWN.

4. AFTER CHALLENGE FAILED, ALGERIANS AND SOVIETS
SAID THEY WOULD PUT IN NEW PROPOSAL TO INVITE ALL
PARTIES IN THE ARMED CONFLICT IN SOUTH VIETNAM THAT
HAVE ACCEDED TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949 AS
OBSERVERS, REPEAT OBSERVERS. DALE

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